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In re Patent Application of

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SHIMIZU

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Examiner: Arthur O. Hall

For: GAME APPARATUS, GAME SYSTEM, AND STORING MEDIUM  
STORING GAME PROGRAM IN WHICH DISPLAY IS DIVIDED  
BETWEEN PLAYERS

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May 10, 2011

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Applicant filed an Amendment under Rule 312 and Interview Summary on April 8, 2011. Applicant subsequently noticed a minor error in claim 7, and accordingly filed a Supplemental Amendment under Rule 312 on April 15, 2011. Unfortunately, it appears that Applicant's Supplemental Amendment under Rule 312, which was filed on April 15, 2011, "crossed" in the mail with the Examiner's Response to Rule 312 communication mailed on April 18, 2011.

It is believed that Applicant's Supplemental Amendment under Rule 312 filed on April 15, 2011 addresses the minor issue raised in the Examiner's Response to Rule 312 communication mailed on April 18, 2011 and should have been entered (since it was filed prior to the mail date of the Examiner's Response to Rule 312 communication). Thus, the Examiner is requested to act on the Supplemental Amendment under Rule 312 filed

on April 15, 2011, in as much as it was filed prior to the mail date of the Response to Rule 312 communication and also addresses the concern with claim 7 specifically raised therein.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there is any confusion, or if any further paperwork needs to be filed, or is believed to be needed, to have the minor issue with respect to claim 7 addressed. Prompt resolution of this issue is respectfully requested in view of the approaching Issue Fee due date.

Respectfully submitted,

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